

A Publication of News and Events

The future is not some place we are going to, but one we are creating. The paths are not to be found, but made, and the activity of making them changes both the maker and the destination.

Philosopher John Schaar

I'm happy to say we do have a major grocery store interested in locating in Trappe East.

Bob Rauch, Trappe East Developer

If all this paper was timber, we could have had a town built by now!

Planning Commission President, Edgar Harrison, while reviewing various pending development plans

We're caught in a trap (Trappe?). I can't walk out—because I love you too much, baby. . .

Elvis Imitator, Hilda Jane Groves' Surprise 80th Birthday Party (March 23, 2005)

VOTER REGISTRATION AT TOWN OFFICE:

APRIL 11, 12, 14 & 15, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

APRIL 13, 8:00 AM-12:30 PM

APRIL 13, 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Election of Three Town Commissioners for a 4-year Term
Expiring May, 2009 Will Be Held at

THE TRAPPE TOWN HALL

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2005 7:00AM - 7:00PM

INFORMATION FROM TOWN CLERK:

♥ **Trappe POTTERY** available for immediate purchase at the Town Office. Perfect for Mother's Day, Graduation, Housewarming! (Proceeds benefit the Town Christmas Decoration Fund)



SPECIAL TRASH PICK UP APRIL 29, 2005

Four candidates running for three Town Council seats!

Election to be held on May 10th, 2005. Statements from each candidate will be published in the May newsletter and will be posted at www.trappenet.com.



Stay INFORMED . . .

Be INVOLVED

Town Meetings and Planning Commission Meetings are open to the public. Citizens are encouraged to attend to be informed and give input. Meeting agendas are posted outside Town hall every Friday, and items are added as requested and re-posted with each change. An early agenda is posted on the Town website, but may not always include the latest changes. Stop by the Town Hall on Wednesday evenings and learn first-hand about the many happenings in our town. For more information, call the town clerk at 410-476-3170.



Cheryl Lewis, current Town Council President will be running for a second term.



Danny Adams, current Town Council Vice-President will be running for a second term.



Don English, former Town Council Member and President, having served from 1995 to 2003 will be running for an open seat.



F. B. (Bud) Reid, former Town Council Member, having served from 1995 to 1999 will be running for an open seat.

The Index is a publication of the Trappe Town Council. We welcome contributions and short articles that are of general interest to the community. Events reported in *The Index* do not necessarily reflect the endorsement of the Town Commissioners.

The Commissioners reserve the right to edit or reject any item submitted.



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NEWS FROM TOWNHALL

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm)

Town Meeting, March 2, 2005 (Town

Amendment to Sign Ordinance ~ Resolution #1-2005 An amendment of Sec. 8.02 of the existing Sign Ordinance was approved. The existing ordinance allows for a 6-square-foot sign for home occupancy businesses, but only 4-square-foot sign for a professional office. The amendment would allow the larger size for both types of businesses. A **Public Hearing** will be held April 6th at 7:15 in the Town Hall.

Commercial Design Standards ~ Resolution #2-2005 (Creating Sec 39 under existing Ordinance) Design Standards for Highway Commercial and existing Redevelopment Area have been presented from the Planning Commission and reviewed by the Town Commissioners. A Public Workshop was held on March 30th and Public Hearing will be held on April 6th at 7 pm.

Property Maintenance & Grease Trap Standards ~ Proposed Resolutions Zoning Administrator, Don English, introduced sample ordinances addressing standards for property maintenance and grease traps (mainly for restaurants and other food preparation establishments). A Public Workshop will be held on March 30th.

Brian Schmidt Home Occupation Permit Subject to purchase of the property, approval was granted to build a new home on N. Main Street, along with access to a building for Mr. Schmidt's catering business, now located in Easton.

Speed Signs Speed signs, which collect data on speeding, have been installed by SHA at two locations on Main Street. At the discretion of the state, these are placed randomly at various locations. The study results will be discussed at the March meeting.

Misc Items

- Approval was granted to Scotts UMC to convert an outdated driveway apron to sidewalk in front of the parsonage, at the expense of the church.
- Various minor repairs to the Town Office were approved.
- An American flag was given to the Town of Trappe as a donation from Leon Sampson at the Easton Goodwill outlet.

Final PUD Plan for "Trappe East"



Robert Rauch and members of the Trappe East design team presented the final PUD Plan. This plan outlines general guidelines for the conceptual scope of the project and identifies land usage, neighborhoods, street layouts, open space, and other components of the project. The final plan is essentially unchanged from previous presentations, and includes Design Guidelines for the project, which will be added to the Town's Zoning Ordinance if approved by the council. According to the guidelines, "The Trappe East Master Plan envisions a pedestrian-oriented, mixed-use development where streets, open spaces, buildings, and uses support a neighborhood and community-oriented quality-of-life typical of small towns and villages. We want the community to look like a town and not a development." Rauch said that the Design Guidelines were extracted from the Trappe Comprehensive Plan and that Trappe East's guidelines "amplify and compliment the town's plan and set parameters for a range of possible outcomes, thus allowing for some predictability. Time progresses, materials change, people change, but these design guidelines will remain constant."

The project is comprised of distinct neighborhoods, each with different characteristics and various neighborhood centers—such as a clubhouse facility, village green, or other amenities—blended together with small "greens." The design guidelines will serve as a master plan for each neighborhood within the project. They dictate details of a broad range of aspects, including architecture, green space, streetscapes, and specific design elements. Rauch said the developer's mission is to retain as many natural areas as possible and to take "a very aggressive plan for public access" to open space areas, which will include a major lake facility, trail system, public beaches and parks. An inn with promenade area is also in the long-range plan. Priority will also be placed on gateways that are "not overstated or too intense, but reflect the character of the town." The entrance to the development—marked by a historic mill and orchard—will be built in the first phase of the project, along with a boulevard-style, main "spine" road into the project. The first phase will also include the wastewater treatment facility, clubhouse, and 250 single-family residential units. Builders will simultaneously erect the storefront area with a grocery store and proposed 203 single family lots, 55 town-homes, and 27 multi-family units. Changes to the treatment plant plans have been made in response to input from residents in proximity to the site. A Public Workshop was held on March 9, 2005 to further review and refine the final plan, including discussion of community-maintained versus public open space and review of the Design Guidelines.

Preliminary PUD Plan for "Castle Racket Farm," Lyons Farm Property Subsequent to a workshop with members of the Planning Commission and Town Planner, Frank Hall, Barry Griffith of Lane Engineering presented revised Traditional Neighborhood Design (TND) concept plans for Castle Racket Farm project, located on 172 acres between White Marsh Elementary School and Backtown Road. Griffith said revisions to the plan reflected "a slightly intensified development envelope," going from 463 to 475 units (376 single family dwellings, 75 town-homes, and 24 attached cottage units). The street system has been simplified to a grid-like pattern. Total open space and useable open space areas have been increased, as have the number of "pocket parks" in the community. The proposed civic building has been reoriented away from Route 565 and toward the school, where it will be more con-

ductive to community functions. Street design and architectural renders have also been revised to meet the direction of town planners. Griffith showed preliminary architectural designs for homes and streetscapes, which showed homes in a neo-traditional style, with garages alley-loaded or set back from the street.

A Public Workshop was held on March 16th to further review the plan. Revisions were requested by the Town Council to make the community more pedestrian and biker friendly. Architectural and site revisions were requested to add character to various facades and reorient homes to be front-facing along existing roads (Main Street/ Rt. 565 and White Marsh Road) to extend the continuity of a "Main Street" feel along what will become part of a gateway to the town. The Backtown Road entrance should be subdued and not overly ornate. Amendments requested by the Town Council included improvements to street and buffering designs and circulation patterns of the roads.



Planning Commission Meetings (held on the 2nd & 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm)

Mitchum's Marketplace Preliminary Architectural Review ~ Main Street &

Maple Ave Restaurant/Deli Complex Developer, Brenda Tighe and architects from Element Design presented a preliminary architectural review of this restaurant/deli complex at Main Street and Maple Avenue in the downtown area. The proposal calls for demolishing the existing large building and replicating it with a structure of similar style, using an improved storm water drainage system, retractable awnings, and a plank floor, high tin-ceilinged interior on the first floor, with apartments and/or office space above. Tighe said her vision for the project is a complex with a traditional, "old fashioned, comfortable feel" with lasting quality. Planning Commission president, Edgar Harrison said he was pleased with the renderings as they "pay homage to the old building while dressing up the property."



P.E. Moore & Sons Preliminary Architectural Review ~ Main Street & Ma-

ple Ave Townhouse Office Complex Developer, Paul Moore and his architect, Jay Corvan, presented a preliminary architectural review of this project at Main Street and Maple Avenue in the downtown area. The proposal calls for 8 commercial-use buildings on the streetfront and 20 townhouses configured around a central green public park and greenspace. A Public Workshop will be scheduled, details TBA.

Concept Renderings of Future In-Town Development in Town Town Planner, Frank Hall, presented two renderings, prepared by Mark Gradecek of the State of Maryland, showing concept illustrations of commercial-use properties. These renderings are available at the Town Hall for public viewing.

Wait! Before you toss that stuff onto the pile for this month's Special Trash Pickup . . .

. . . consider joining **Mid Shore Freecycle**. This online exchange network is open to anyone in the Mid Shore area who wants to "re-cycle" rather than throw stuff away. Anything goes—whether it's a chair, a fax machine, firewood, a piano or an old car, feel free to post it. Looking to acquire something yourself? Read the Mid Shore FreeCycle list daily until you see something offered. One Rule: everything posted must be FREE. No trading, no bartering, no selling! For more information or to join the group, visit http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mid_shorefreecycle



... GOT COMPUTERS?? Joey Medley, is a former senior computer engineer, who now lives in Cambridge, who reconditions computer systems (not too old) with the latest software to give to needy families whose children would like to learn basic computer skills. He says it's his way of giving back to the community some of the education he received while working in the Pentagon. Contact him at joeymedley@2000@yahoo.com.



News from the Trappe Volunteer Fire Company....

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Matt Ozman and Steve Tindall for passing the Fire Fighter I course.

PLANNING AHEAD: The Trappe Volunteer Fire Department will be Sponsoring the 5th **Annual Old Fashioned Family Fun Days Carnival July 20 through July 23**. We are asking for donations for the following booths: craft items for a crafts booth, cakes for the cake booth (we will not be making individual calls this year to the community), any items for our silent auction, etc. Please contact Margaret English at 410.476.3592 to donate crafts or silent auction items. Volunteers are also needed to work at various booths, please call Lou Diefenderfer at 410-476-3882 to volunteer.

THANKS: We would also like to thank Ann Dorbin for the write up and pictures in the Trappe *Index* as well as sending the information to the *Star Democrat* on our recent installation of officers. We appreciate the help you have provided us.

ANNOUNCING THE 1ST ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST

Sponsored by *THE INDEX*

Do you have a great photograph of a favorite scene, event, or person (past or present) in Trappe? If so, be sure to enter it in our Annual Photo Contest. Each month, we will share the entries with our readers. At the end of the year a winner will be announced. Entries may be emailed to trappeindex@verizon.net or dropped off at the Town Office.

MARCH WINNER ~ Submitted by: Bob Croswell



Daphane Smith serves up ham and fish at the March Town upper, hosted by Scotts UMC.



The background of this picture shows the gas station that once stood directly across from what was the Defender Antiques store. I believe that at the time (1966) the gas station and store were operated as one business by Charles Adams (probably Charles Adams Sr. at that time). Cryer's blacksmith shop in the far background was still in operation. That snow storm in '66 was pretty bad, and this "vehicle" was proving to be more reliable than many others. The picture is not really very good, but I thought you might like to see what was there 40 years ago.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LAST MONTH'S PHOTO ID WINNER, Joedy Cecil, who correctly identified the horse (Nakoma), the woman (Mary Croswell Diefenderfer), and the rider (Edgar Harrison) of the horse (we seem to have an equestrian theme going on lately).

Last month's winner was submitted by Mary Croswell Diefenderfer, who said, "This is probably not only the only picture of Edgar on a horse, but also probably the only time he ever got on one, and it took a lot of cajoling to get him up there! He wasn't about to go anywhere, but did stay on board long enough for this snap shot. The picture was taken in 1959. I was fifteen, Edgar was probably eighteen.

Disclaimer: In submitting a photo entry, you grant *The Index* the right to use the image in Town publications. Winning photographs will be published in *The Index* and may be displayed on Town Web site. Entrants are responsible for obtaining photo-release permission from subjects shown in submitted photographs, including the permission of parents for children under age 18.

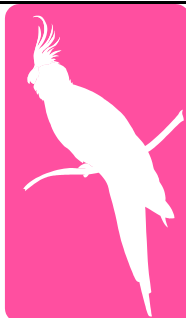


Following the Town Supper, members of various youth groups gathered for Joy Night, a wonderful evening of inspirational music, hosted by Scotts UMC. We have many talented youth in our county!



MISSING: "Paco" Pet cockatiel

Paco is gray with some white. He has been missing since February 25 around 6 pm. We miss him dearly, as does his companion. Please call Charlotte Headler 410.476.3249

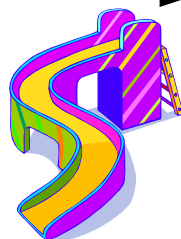


The girls scout troops would like to say THANK YOU!! to the residents of Trappe for their overwhelming support during our cookie drive. All our cookies are officially sold!!!!...a special thank you to those people who purchased extra boxes to help us. I am thankful to see my living room floor again!!!

Barbara Coleman, Troop Leader

SCHOOL NEWS

White Marsh Elementary recently received a \$50,000 grant to use toward construction of new playground equipment. This money will be used to replace some old equipment. In its place will be a ramped structure that will be accessible to students with limited mobility and geared for use by younger students.



... **GOT BIKES??** Evergreen Cove Holistic Learning Center, on Port Street in Easton, will be collecting used bicycles for underprivileged children on April 24 from 1-4 pm. For info: Evergreen Cove at 410.819.3395.



On March 23, 2005, Hilda Jane Groves celebrated her 80th birthday at a surprise party that included many friends and relatives, a fire truck ride around town, music and comedy by an Elvis Imitator, an array of beautiful cakes, and a very challenging Hilda Jane Quiz. Roy Sullivan had the most correct answers (besides Jane herself, who hesitated on some, such as favorite song & food). Many guests brought sheet music to be compiled into an album as a memento of a wonderful evening.

Photo courtesy of Charles Adams, Jr. (left to right: Les & Marlena Groves, Charlie Adams, Cynthia Miles, Dorinda Adams, Hilda Jane Groves, and Mary Rae Adams at HJ's Birthday Bash)

Lt. Col. Greg Kleponis, resident of Main Street, returned home this month from a tour of duty in Baghdad. Kleponis trained The New Police and the Public Order Battalion (POB). He reports that these forces are now operating in the City of Samarra and have been effective in dealing with the AIF (Anti-Iraqi Forces).



We want you . . . to join us
for a Servicemen's Honorary Breakfast

**In Recognition of Armed Forces
Day & Those Who Have Served
or Are Serving Our Country**



May 14, 2005 ~

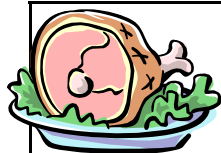
Trappe United Methodist Church

In Conjunction with Town Churches and Service Organizations

Country Church Breakfast ~ Special Speakers ~ Testimonials

Watch for Flyers with more information . . . coming soon!

If you know a person or family who should be invited, please contact Ann Dorbin at 410.476.3910, trappeindex@verizon.net or Drake Ferguson at 410.476.4858, drake21673@aol.com so an invitation may be sent.



Town Dinner

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
April 16th ~ 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Adults \$8 ☉ Children ages 5-10 \$4 ☉ Under 5 free

Ham OR Baked Chicken Breast

Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Lima Beans

Tossed Salad, Applesauce

Beverage & Coffee

Carry out Available



RECYCLE

Drop off any good used items at the TUMC yard sale. The yard sale is open every Wednesday from 8:30 am to noon and during Breakfast on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month.



Scholarship Opportunities



The **Rotary Club of Easton** will be offering two (2) \$1,000 scholarships to deserving senior students. **Application deadline is April 15, 2005.** Contact Al Silverstein at 410-822-4653 or pick up an application at the Talbot County Chamber of Commerce.

Chesapeake Women's Network is Offering a \$1,000 Scholarship to **female resident of Talbot, Caroline or Dorchester County, age 21 or older.** **Resume deadline is April 15, 2005.** For More Information: Contact Ann Dorbin at 410.476.3910.

Eastern Shore Business and Professional Women (BPW) is offering a \$500 scholarship to a high school senior or a non-traditional student. All applications must be **postmarked by April 30th.** For more information, contact Jo Ann Staples at 410.479.0497.

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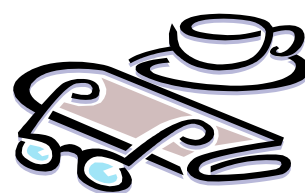
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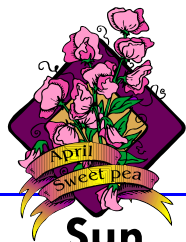
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April 2005

Every tear is answered by a blossom
Every sigh with songs and laughter blent
April-blooms upon the breezes toss them.
April knows her own, and is content.
Susan Coolidge
(pseudonym of Sarah Chauncey Woolsey)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SUBMISSION DEADLINE APRIL 22nd Trappeindex @verizon.net or 410-476-3910	Voter Registration to be held at Town Hall all week. If you are already registered to vote in Talbot County, you are registered to vote in Town and do not have to register again. APRIL 11, 12, 14 & 15, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM APRIL 13, 8:00 AM-12:30 PM APRIL 13, 7:00 PM-9:00 PM.			 Tomorrow is April Fool's Day	1 EMS Spring Pictures St Paul's Artist Mtg & Brown Bag Lunch 9:30 - 12:00 WMES Drop-In Basketball 6:15-9:30 pm	2 TVFD Monthly Alert Siren Testing Set your clocks ahead one hour tonight... 
Sunday Services St Paul's Holy Eucharist 9 am Sunday School 9 am Emmanuel Wesleyan Sunday School 9:00 am Service 10:30 am Fellowship 5:15 pm Eve Service 6 pm	4 Dr. Salmon's 1 to 1 Laptop Meeting EMS GYM 6:30pm	5 EHS 7 pm Band Boosters SUMC 6:00 pm Men's Bible Study 	6 Trappe Town Council Meeting 7:30 pm  Public hearings at 7 pm WMES PTO 7 pm	7 TVFD Line Dancing w/ Steve Moody 7-10 pm  AA 6:30 pm @ St. Paul's Nation Alcoholic Screening 800.697.6700	8  St Paul's Artist & Brown Bag Lunch 9:30 WMES Drop-In Basketball 6:15-9:30 pm	9 Trappe UMC 7:30-10:00 am Country Church Breakfast / Yard Sale TUMC Youth Bowling Meet at 6:45 pm WMES Social & Silent Auction Oxford, 7pm
10 SUMC Annual Men's Day 3:30 to 5:30 pm Sunday Services Trappe UMC Sunday School 9:45 am Service 11 am Fellowship 12 pm Faith Chapel Service 8:45 am Sunday School 9:45 Scott's UMC Sunday Service 9 am	11 Voter Registration at Town Hall this week See times above. WMES 6:30 pm Brownie & Jr GS EHS SOS MTG 7 pm	12 Small Business Forum see below WMES 10 am Grandparents Club TVFD Meeting 8:00 pm Talbot County Council meets most Tuesdays Check talbgov website for times and agendas	13 Mid Shore Republican Women 7pm United Methodist Women 7 pm Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm 	14 EMS 7:30 am Parent coffee AA 6:30 pm St. Paul's TVFD Line Dancing w/ Steve Moody 7-10pm	15 Income Taxes are due..... St Paul's Artist & Brown Bag Lunch 9:30 WMES Drop-In Basketball 6:15-9:30 pm	16  Town Dinner St. Paul's 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Baked Chicken & Ham with the fixin's Adults \$8 Child \$4 Carry out Available
	18 	19 SUMC 6:00 pm Men's Bible Study 	20 Planning Commission Meeting 7:30pm  TCPS Board Mtg EHS Café 7:00 pm	21 TVFD Line Dancing w/ Steve Moody 7-10pm  AA 6:30 pm St. Paul's	22 EARTH DAY WMES Basket Bingo Night 7 to 9 pm St Paul's Artist & Brown Bag Lunch 9:30 WMES Drop-In Basketball 6:15-9:30	23 Passover Begins Trappe UMC 7:30-10 am Country Church Breakfast / Yard Sale TUMC youth 3-5 pm Earth Day Clean Up bring gloves & rake
	25 National Turn Off Your TV Day National Administrative Professionals Week WMES 6:30 pm Brownie & Jr GS	26 RECYCLE Drop off good items at the TUMC yard sale tomorrow instead of putting them out for Special Pick-up !!	27 National Administrative Professionals Day TUMC Yard Sale Every Wed 8:30 am Lion's Club Mtg 6:30pm	28 National Take Your Daughter to Work Day AA 6:30 pm St. Paul's TVFD Line Dancing w/ Steve Moody 7 - 10pm	29 SPECIAL TRASH PICKUP St Paul's Artist & Brown Bag Lunch 9:30 WMES Drop-In Basketball 6:15-9:30	30  TRAPPE SPAGHETTI DINNER EMS DINNER THEATER FUNDRAISER TUMC FELLOWSHIP HALL 5 PM TO 7 PM ADULTS \$6 CHILD \$4 TUMC Parsonage Painting Day 8:30 am till noon

Local Church/Bible Study/Programs

Trappe United Methodist Church
Tuesdays 29299 Maple Ave 1:00 pm
Wednesday Yard Sale Open 8:30am - Noon
Wednesday 6:30 pm Worship/Communion
1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Wednesdays 7 pm Study
Thursday 6 pm Youth Musical Night
Thursday 7 pm Choir practice

Scotts United Methodist Church
Wednesdays 11 am Young @ Heart
Wednesdays 2 pm Midday Study
Wednesdays 7 pm Evening Study
Thursday 5:30 pm Youth Praise Dept.

School Programs.... on school days...

St Paul's Preschool 8:45 am - 11:45 am
Every Tue-Wed-Thur
Scotts United Methodist Church
After-school Program 3:30 pm Mon - Fri
White Marsh Elementary
Homework Club 3:30 pm Mon - Fri
Easton High School Guidance
Mondays 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm



Easton Middle School is working on their May production of William Shakespeare's **Twelfth Night**

Please join town volunteers in supporting their fund raising

TRAPPE SPAGHETTI DINNER

INCLUDES, SALAD, BREAD & TEA . APRIL 30TH . 5 - 7 PM
ADULTS \$6 - CHILDREN UNDER 12 \$4



at the Trappe United Methodist Hall on Maple Ave.

DESSERTS AVAILABLE

Current Business Owners and Future Business Owners!!

Talbot County Economic Development Commission

☺ Continues the Small Business Forums - Open to the Public

April 12th 7:30am Academy Art Museum

Guest Speaker: Erik Pages, CEO of EntreWorks Consulting

